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SUBJECT: IRANIAN IMPERIAL MAJESTIES TO MAKE STATE VISIT TO  
YUGOSLAVIA

REF: TEHRAN 3007 ( NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING MAY 23 TEHRAN PRESS REPORTS THE SHAH AND EMPRESS FARAH WILL MAKE A STATE VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA FROM MAY 29 TO JUNE 2. ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONED IN THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THE ROYAL COUPLE IS ALSO DUE TO VISIT ROMANIA AND BULGARIA WHILE THEY ARE AWAY ON THIS TRIP ( REFTEL) .

2. IN REFERRING TO PURPOSES TO BE SERVED BY FORTHCOMING VISIT, MFA' S CHIEF OF SECRETARIAT JAFFAR NADIM COMMENTED TO CHARGE THAT SHAH AIMS AT CONDUCTING AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY THAT IS BALANCED, AT LEAST IN APPEARANCE, BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.  
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THIS WOULD HELP TO DEFLECT POSSIBLE CRITICISM THAT IRANIAN POLICY WAS TOO WESTERN ORIENTED. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE SHAH' S MIND, NADIM SAID, WERE THAT YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA ARE ATTEMPTING TO STEER AN INDEPENDENT COURSE WITHIN THE SOVIET SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND THAT THE SHAH FINDS THEIR LEADERS PERSONALLY COMPATIBLE. TO ROUND OUT THE PICTURE AND MAINTAIN A PROPER IRANIAN BALANCE WITHIN THE GENERAL SOVIET SPHERE, THE SHAH WAS ALSO VISITING SOFIA, WHICH IS CLOSELY TIED TO MOSCOW.

3. COMMENT: SHAH' S VISITS TO EASTERN EUROPE ALSO SERVE AN EVEN BROADER GENERAL PURPOSE NOT TOUCHED ON BY NADIM BUT ADVANCED ASSIDUOUSLY OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS BY THE GOI. THAT IS TO PROJECT IRAN AND ITS BURGEONING POWER POSITION ONTO THE SORLD STAGE AS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH NOT MERELY IN THIS REGION BUT AMONG THE GREAT POWERS AS WELL. THIS PERIOD HAS SEEN TEHRAN BECOME A MECCAFOR POLITICAL LEADERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND THE SHAH, HIS EMPRESS AND IRAN' S TOP LEADERS VISITING FOREIGN CAPITALS AT A GREAT PACE.  
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